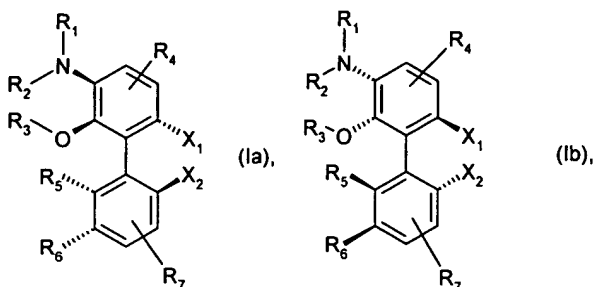


Amendments in the Claims

1. (Original) A compound of the formula Ia or Ib,



where

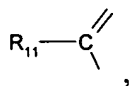
X_1 and X_2 are each, independently of one another, secondary phosphino;

R_1 and R_2 are each, independently of one another, hydrogen, C_1 - C_8 -alkyl, C_3 - C_8 -cycloalkyl, C_3 - C_8 -cycloalkyl- C_1 - C_4 -alkyl, C_6 - C_{10} -aryl or C_7 - C_{11} -aralkyl, or

R_1 and R_2 together are C_4 - C_8 -alkylene, 3-oxapentyl-1,5-ene, $-(CH_2)_2-NH-(CH_2)_2-$ or $-(CH_2)_2-N(C_1-C_4alkyl)-(CH_2)_2-$,

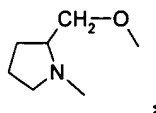
R_3 is hydrogen, C_1 - C_8 -alkyl, C_3 - C_8 -cycloalkyl, C_3 - C_8 -cycloalkyl- C_1 - C_4 -alkyl, C_6 - C_{10} -aryl or C_7 - C_{11} -aralkyl, or

R_1 is as defined above and R_2 and R_3 together are C_2 - C_8 -alkylidene, C_4 - C_8 -cycloalkylidene, C_1 - C_4 -alkylene, C_2 - C_8 -alk-1,2-enyl, $-C(O)-$ or a group of the formula



or

R_1R_2N and R_3O together are a group of the formula

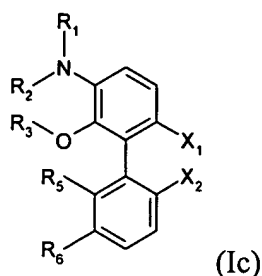


or

R_1 , R_3 , or R_1 and R_3 together are a protective group and R_2 is as defined above,
 R_4 and R_7 are each, independently of one another, hydrogen, C_1 - C_4 -alkyl, C_1 - C_4 -alkoxy,
F, Cl or trifluoromethyl,
 R_5 is hydrogen, R_4 or an R_3O - group, where R_3O - groups in the two rings can be identical
or different,
 R_6 is hydrogen, R_7 or an R_1R_2N - group, where R_1R_2N - groups in the two rings can be
identical or different,
 R_5 and R_6 together are trimethylene, tetramethylene or $-CH=CH-CH=CH-$,
and
 R_{11} is C_1 - C_8 -alkyl, C_3 - C_8 -cycloalkyl, C_3 - C_8 -cycloalkyl- C_1 - C_4 -alkyl, C_6 - C_{10} -aryl or C_7 -
 C_{11} -aralkyl,
where R_1 , R_2 , R_3 , R_4 and R_7 are unsubstituted or substituted by C_1 - C_4 -alkyl, C_1 - C_4 -
alkoxy, OH, F, Cl, Br, trifluoromethyl, C_1 - C_4 -hydroxyalkyl, $-COOH$, $-SO_3H$, $-C(O)O$ - C_1 -
 C_4 -alkyl,
 $-SO_3$ - C_1 - C_4 -alkyl, $-C(O)-NH_2$, $-CONHC_1$ - C_4 -alkyl, $-CON(C_1-C_4-alkyl)_2$, $-SO_3-NH_2$,
 $-SO_2-NHC_1$ - C_4 -alkyl, $-SO_3-N(C_1-C_4-alkyl)_2$, $-O_2C-R_8$, $-O_3S-R_8$, $-NH(O)C-R_8$, $-NH-O_3S-$
 R_8 ,
 $-NH_2$, $-NHR_9$ or $-NR_9R_{10}$, where R_8 is hydrogen, C_1 - C_8 -alkyl, C_3 - C_8 -cycloalkyl, C_3 - C_8 -
cycloalkyl- C_1 - C_4 -alkyl, C_6 - C_{10} -aryl or C_7 - C_{11} -aralkyl, and R_9 and R_{10} are each,
independently of one another, C_1 - C_4 -alkyl, phenyl or benzyl or R_9 and R_{10} together are
tetramethylene, pentamethylene, 3-oxa-1,5-pentane or $-(CH_2)_2-N(C_1-C_4-alkyl)-(CH_2)_2-$.

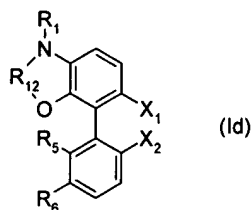
2. (Original) The compound as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that X_1 is a
 $-P(R)_2$ group and X_2 is a $-P(R')_2$ group, where R and R' are each, independently of one
another, an X_1/X_2 -forming radical, for example a hydrocarbon radical which has from 1
to 20 carbon atoms and is unsubstituted or substituted by halogen, C_1 - C_6 -alkyl, C_1 - C_6 -
haloalkyl, C_1 - C_6 -alkoxy, C_1 - C_6 -haloalkoxy, $-CO_2$ - C_1 - C_6 -alkyl, $(C_6H_5)_3Si$ or $(C_1-C_{12}$ -
alkyl) $_3Si$; or the radicals R and R' together are unsubstituted or C_1 - C_4 -alkyl- and/or C_1 -
 C_4 -alkoxy-substituted tetramethylene or pentamethylene.

3. (Original) The compound as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that it corresponds to the formula Ic,

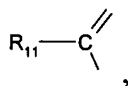


where R₁ is hydrogen or is defined as for R₂, or R₁, R₂ and R₃ are each, independently of one another, C₁-C₄-alkyl, R₅ is hydrogen or an OR₃ group, R₆ is hydrogen or an -NR₁R₂ group, or R₅ and R₆ together are -CH=CH-CH=CH-, and X₁ and X₂ are secondary phosphino.

4. (Original) The compound as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that it corresponds to the formula Id,

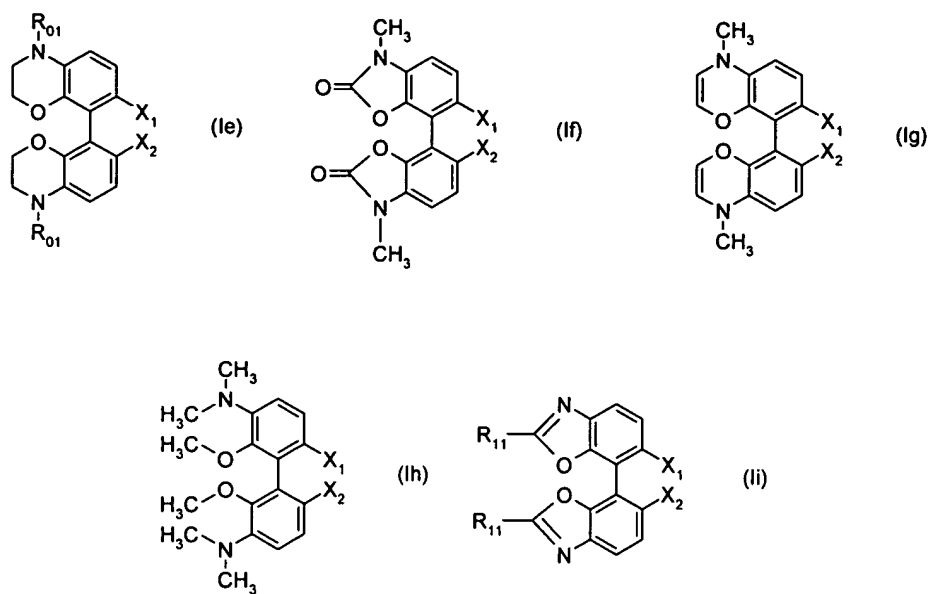


where R₁ is hydrogen or C₁-C₄-alkyl, R₅ and R₆ are each hydrogen or R₅ and R₆ together are an -NR₁-R₁₂-O- group, X₁ and X₂ are secondary phosphino and R₁₂ is 1,2-ethylene, 1,2-ethenylene, -C(O)- or a group of the formula



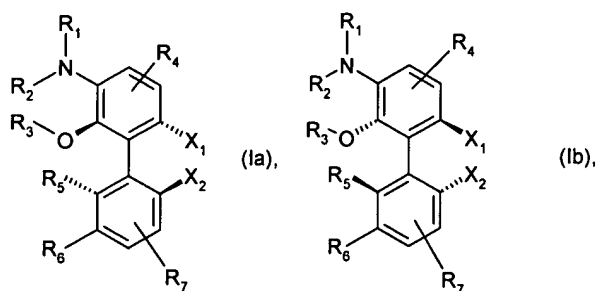
where R₁₁ is branched C₃-C₈-alkyl, C₅-C₆-cycloalkyl, phenyl or benzyl.

5. (Original) The compound as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that it corresponds to the formula Ie, If, Ig, Ih or Ii,



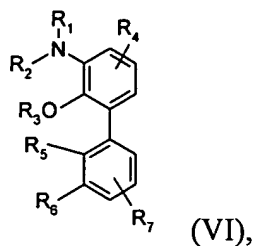
where R₀₁ is hydrogen, C₁-C₈-alkyl, C₅-C₆-cycloalkyl, phenyl or benzyl, R₁₁ is phenyl or t-butyl and X₁ and X₂ are as defined above, including the preferences.

6. (Original) A process for preparing compounds of the formulae Ia and Ib,

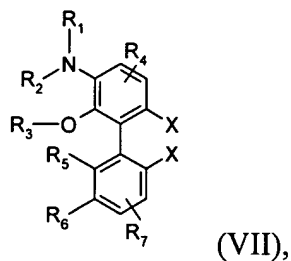


where R₁, R₂, R₃, R₄, R₅, R₆, R₇, X₁ and X₂ are as defined above, which comprises the steps:

a) halogenation of a compound of the formula VI



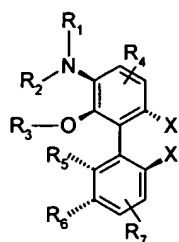
where R_1 , R_2 , R_3 , R_4 , R_5 , R_6 and R_7 are as defined above, or R_1 is a protective group which can be split off and R_2 is hydrogen or is as defined above, or R_3 is a protective group which can be split off, or R_1 and R_3 form a protective group which can be split off and R_2 is hydrogen or is as defined above, by means of chlorine, bromine or iodine to form a compound of the formula VII



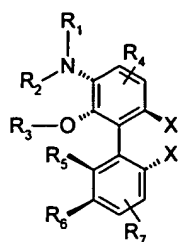
where X is chlorine, bromine or iodine,

b) if appropriate to introduce the radicals R_2 and R_3 , removal of the protective groups to form OH-functional and NH-functional groups and replacement of the H atoms in the OH-functional and NH-functional groups by means of a reagent R_2-Y_2 , R_3-Y_2 or $Y_2-R_{13}-Y_2$, where Y_2 is a leaving group and R_{13} is 1,2-alkylene or 1,2-cycloalkylene, to produce compounds of the formula VII, and

if appropriate resolution of the racemates of the formula VII to give the enantiomers of the formulae VIIa and VIIb

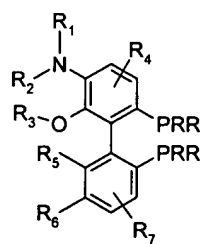


VIIa

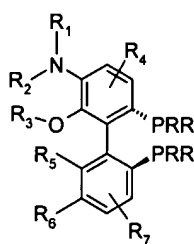


VIIb

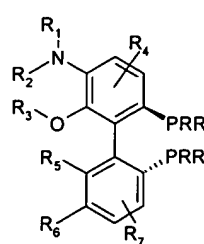
c) metalation of the compounds of the formula VII, VIIa or VIIb, for example by means of a lithium alkyl, and subsequent reaction with a halophosphine of the formula $X_3\text{-PRR}$ (X_3 is halogen) in the presence of a lithium alkyl to give diphosphines of the formula VIII, Ia or Ib, or with a halophosphine oxide of the formula $X_3\text{-P(O)RR}$ to give diphosphine oxides of the formula IX, IXa or IXb, or with a phosphonate of the formula $X_3\text{-P(O)(OR}^\circ)_2$ to give phosphonates of the formula X, Xa or Xb:



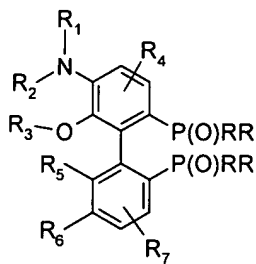
(VIII),



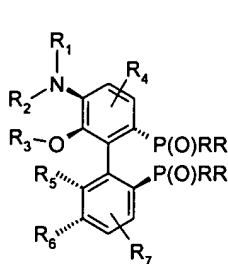
(Ia),



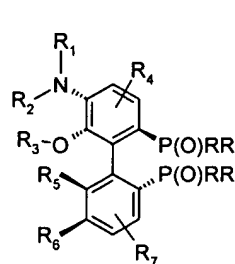
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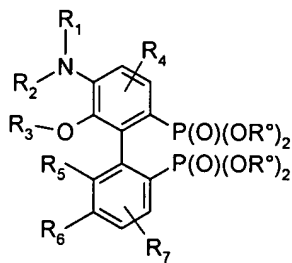
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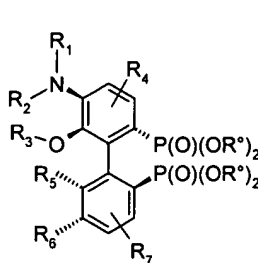
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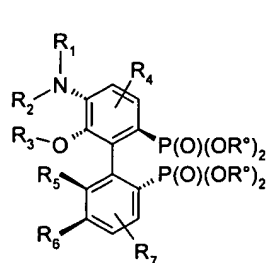
(IXb),



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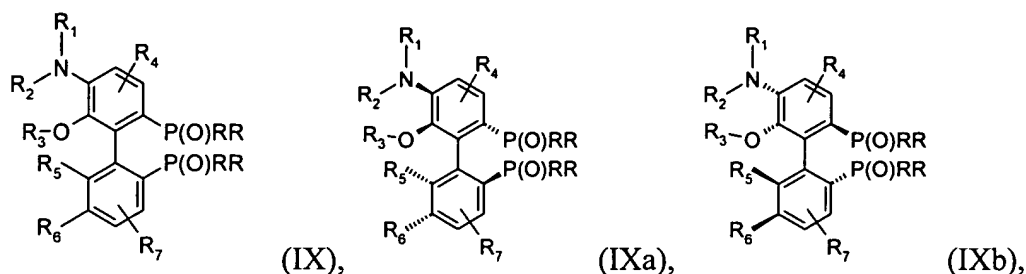


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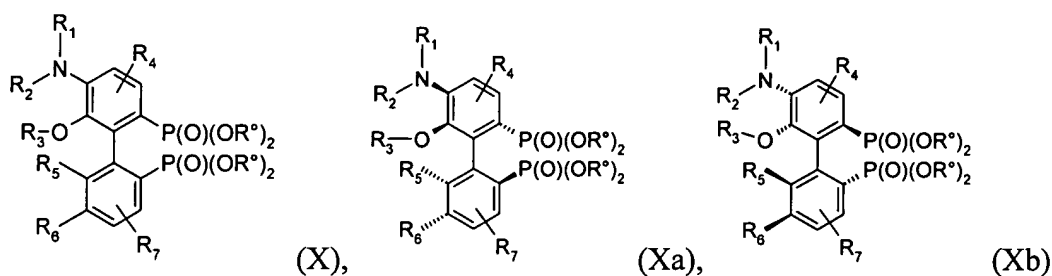


(Xb),

8. (Original) A compound of the formula IX (racemate) or a compound of the formula IXa and/or IXb (mixture of diastereomers, a pure diastereomer or an enantiomer in optically enriched or optically pure form),



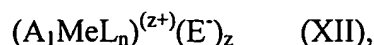
or a preproduct of the formula X (racemate) or a compound of the formula Xa and/or Xb (mixture of diastereomers, a pure diastereomer or an enantiomer in optically enriched or optically pure form),



where R_1 , R_2 , R_3 , R_4 , R_5 , R_6 , R_7 have the meanings indicated for the compounds of the formulae I and Ia, including the preferences, R° is C_1 - C_6 -alkyl or phenyl and R is an X_1/X_2 -forming radical, for example a hydrocarbon radical having from 1 to 20 carbon atoms.

9. (Original) A complex of a metal selected from the group of the TM8 metals with a compound of the formula Ia or Ib as claimed in claim 1 as ligand.

10. (Currently amended) ~~The metal complex as claimed in claim 9~~ A complex of a metal selected from the group of the TM8 metals with a compound of the formula Ia or Ib as claimed in claim 1 as ligand which corresponds to the general formula XI or XII,



where A_1 is a compound of the formula Ia or Ib as claimed in claim 1;

L represents identical or different monodentate, anionic or nonionic ligands, or two L form identical or different bidentate, anionic or nonionic ligands;

n is 2, 3 or 4 when L is a monodentate ligand or n is 1 or 2 when L is a bidentate ligand;

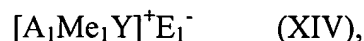
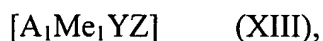
z is 1, 2 or 3;

Me is a metal selected from the group consisting of Rh and Ir; with the metal having the oxidation state 0, 1, 2, 3 or 4;

E^- is the anion of an oxo acid or complex acid; and

the anionic ligands balance the charge of the oxidation stage 1, 2, 3 or 4 of the metal.

11. (Currently amended) ~~The metal complex as claimed in claim 9~~ A complex of a metal selected from the group of the TM8 metals with a compound of the formula Ia or Ib as claimed in claim 1 as ligand which corresponds to the formula XIII or XIV,



where

A_1 is a compound of the formula Ia or Ib as claimed in claim 1;

Me_1 is rhodium or iridium;

Y represents two olefins or one diene;

Z is Cl, Br or I; and

E_1^- is the anion of an oxo acid or complex acid.

12. (Original) A process for preparing chiral organic compounds by asymmetric addition of hydrogen, boron hydrides or silanes onto a carbon-carbon or carbon-heteroatom multiple bond in prochiral organic compounds, or the asymmetric addition of carbon nucleophiles, alcohols or amines onto allyl compounds in the presence of a

catalyst, characterized in that the addition reaction is carried out in the presence of catalytic amounts of at least one metal complex as claimed in claim 9.

13. (Original) The use of the metal complexes as claimed in claim 9 as homogeneous catalysts for preparing chiral organic compounds by asymmetric addition of hydrogen, boron hydrides or silanes onto a carbon-carbon or carbon-heteroatom multiple bond in prochiral organic compounds, or the asymmetric addition of carbon nucleophiles or amines onto allyl compounds.